

BRENT SPENCE BRIDGE CORRIDOR



Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project: Kentucky Northern Section

Noise Barrier Informational Meeting

April 24, 2025

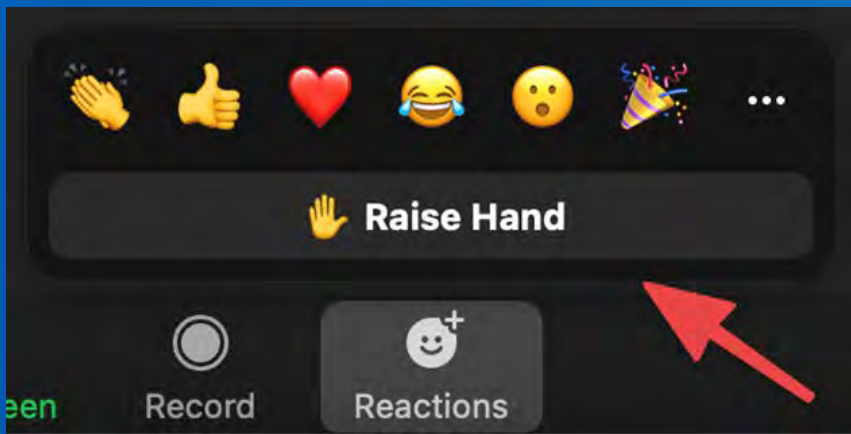
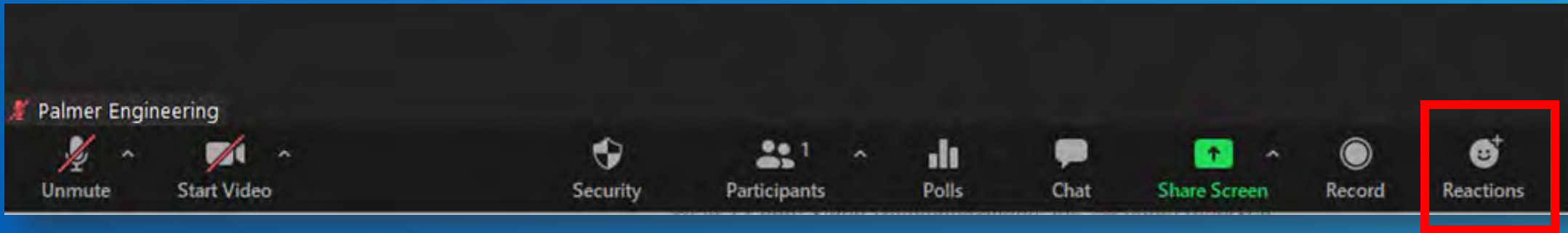
Introductions

- Stacey Hans, KYTC Project Manager
- Gary Valentine, KYTC Project Advisor
- Scott Schurman, KYTC Environmental Project Manager
- Craig Craig, KYTC Noise Specialist
- Jeff Noble, AECOM, Kentucky Design Lead
- David Waldner, Palmer Engineering

How to Participate in the Meeting

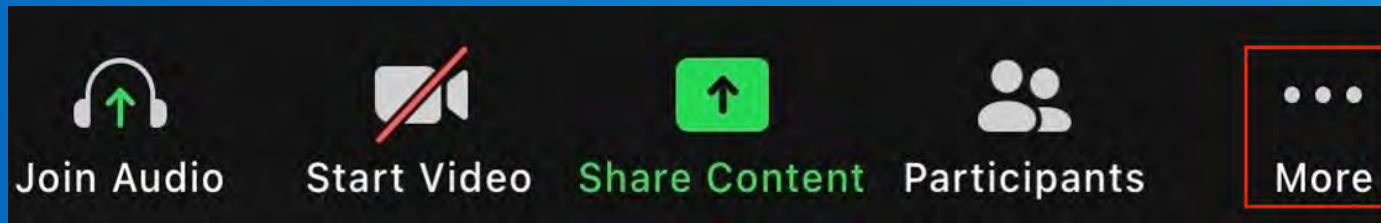


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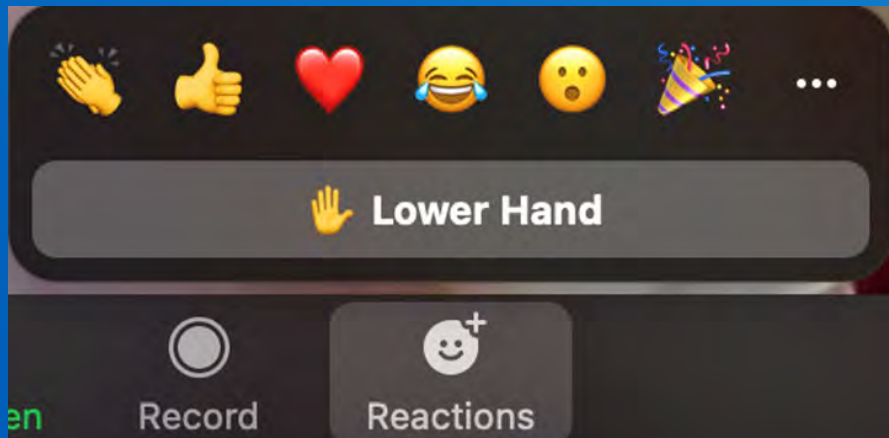


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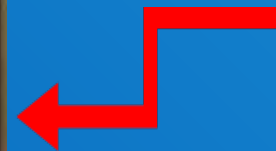
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Raise hand can be found under 'more'



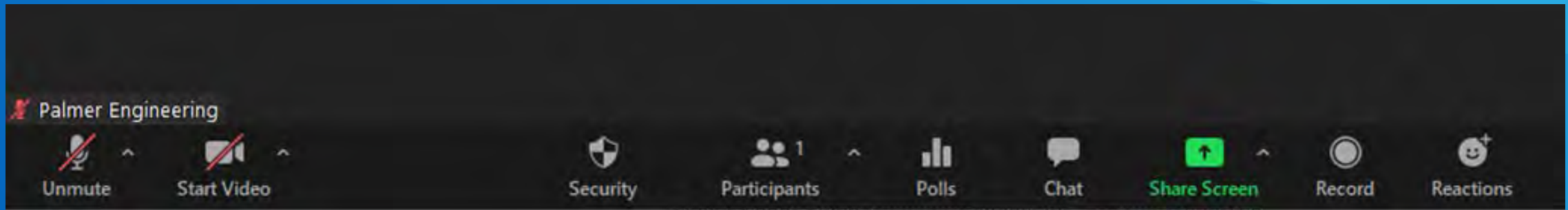
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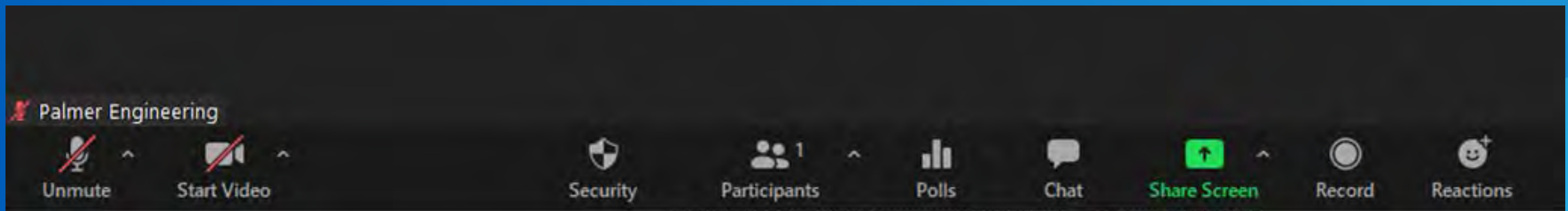
How to Raise Hand in Zoom Dial-In Calls:

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Using the chat function during the meeting:



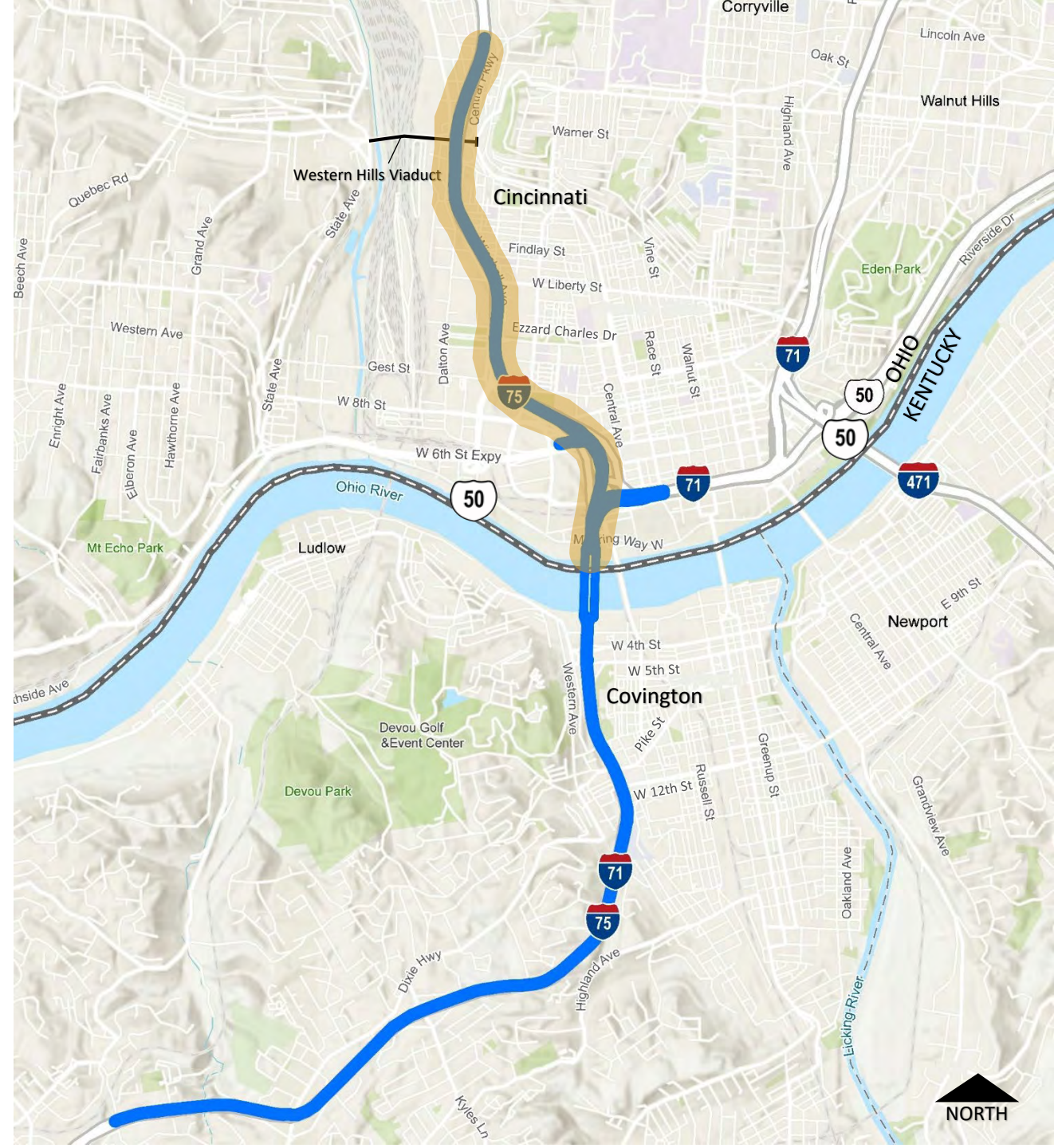
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Use the microphone and camera buttons to control your video and audio sharing preferences.

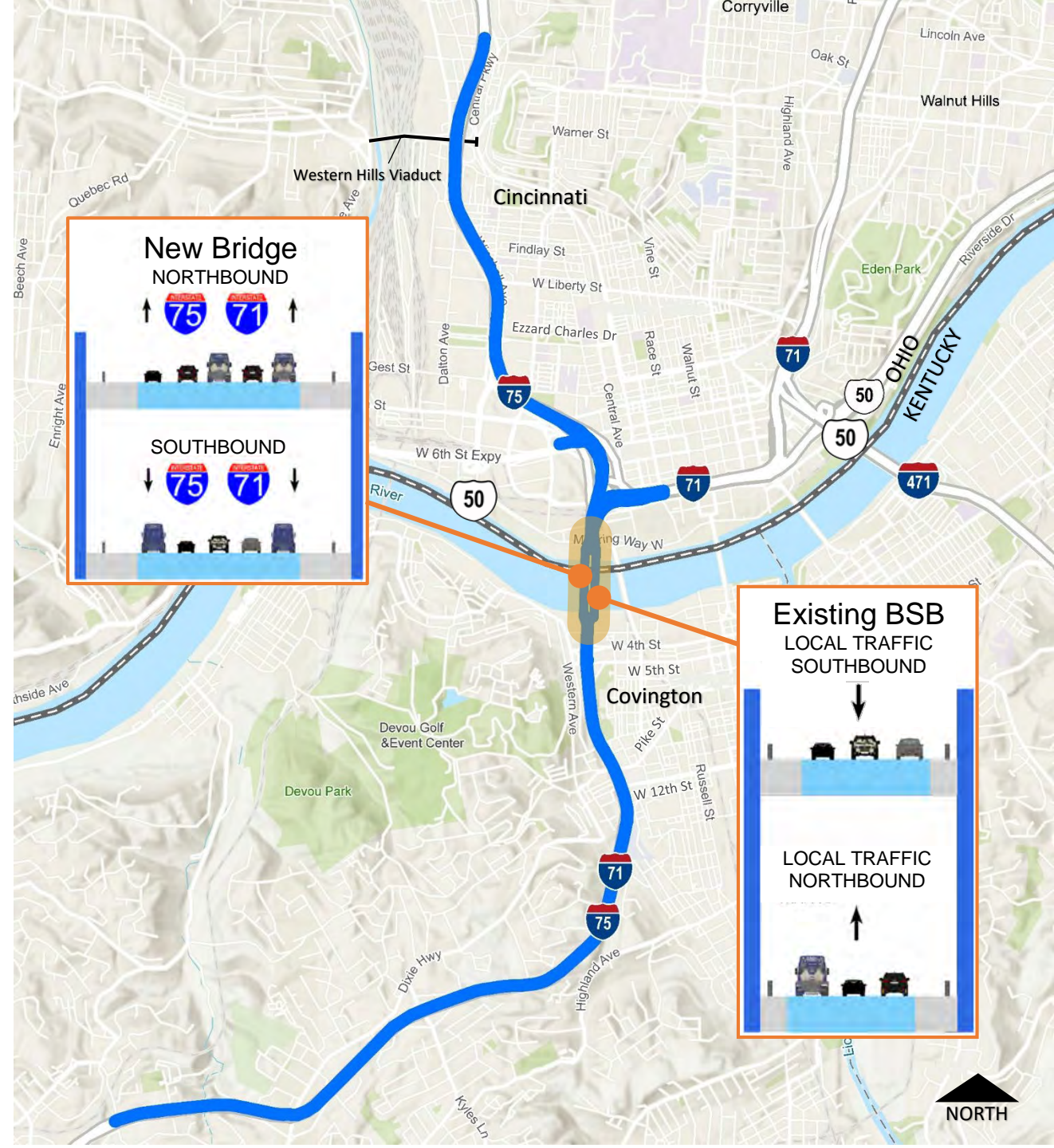
Project Description – Ohio

- Widen I-75
- Rebuild all overpass bridges and interchanges
- Build a collector-distributor system
- Tie into Mill Creek Expressway-Hopple Street Interchange project
- Tie into the Western Hills Viaduct project
- Add a northbound exit to Ezzard Charles Drive
- Connect to I-71 and US-50E



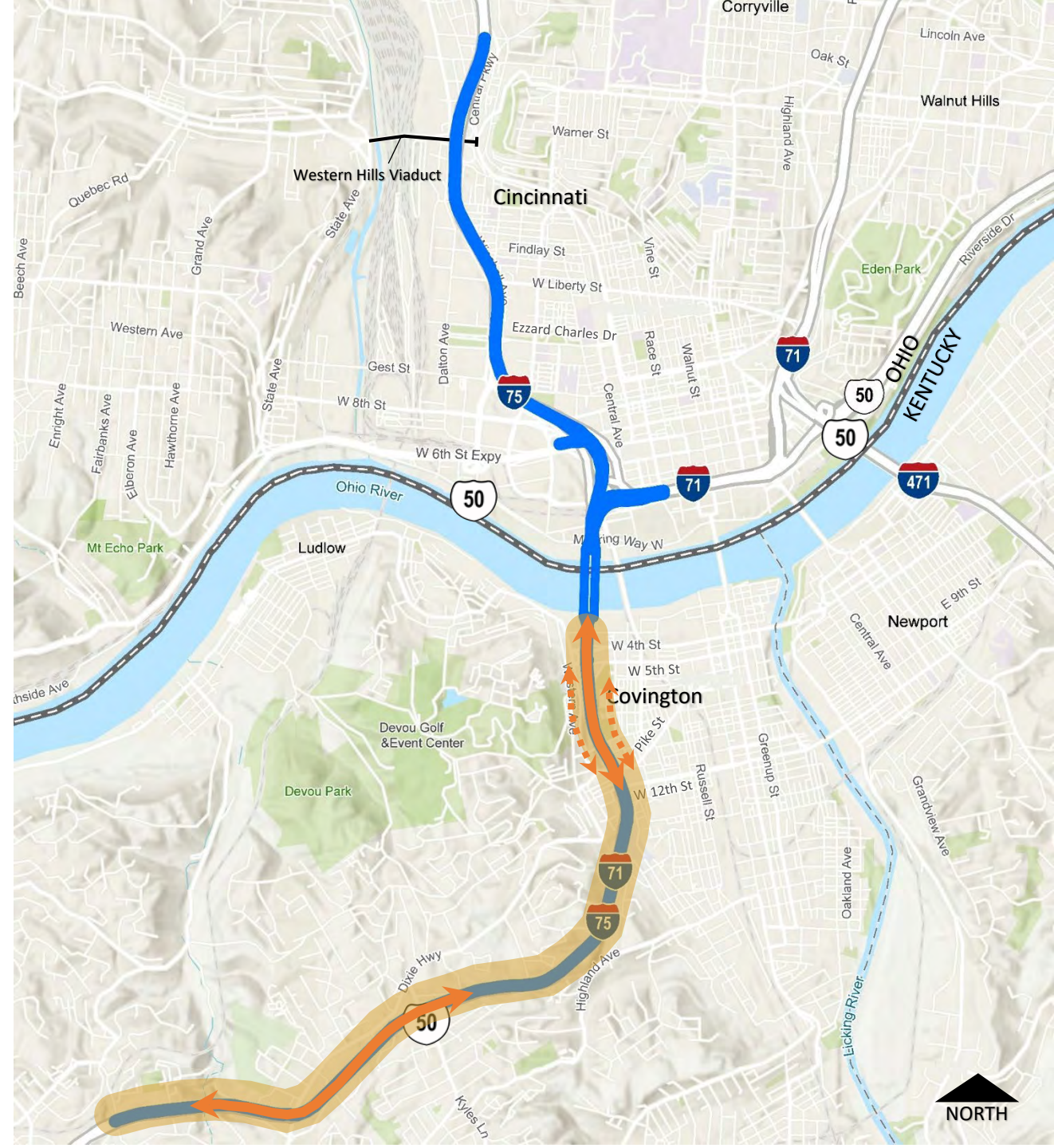
Project Description – Brent Spence Bridge

- New double-decker companion bridge
 - 5 lanes each deck
 - Carry through (interstate) traffic
- Rehabilitate and reconfigure existing bridge
 - Three lanes each deck
 - Increased inside/outside shoulders
 - Carry local traffic



Project Description – Kentucky

- Reconstruct and widen I-71/I-75
- Rebuild all overpass bridges and interchanges
- Extend frontage roads in Covington
- Construct a collector-distributor system from 12th Street north
- Construct collector-distributor systems between Dixie Highway and Kyles Lane



Why Are We Here?



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Presentation Overview

- **Basics of Noise Analysis**
- **KYTC Noise Policy**
- **Results of Project Specific Noise Analysis**
- **Photos of Barrier Options**
- **Survey**
- **Questions and Answers**



Poll #1

This meeting is for owners and residents of properties adjacent to I-71/I-75 that may benefit from construction of noise barriers when the road is widened. Which of the following describes your circumstances:

- 1. I both own property and live in the area**
- 2. I own property but do not live in the area**
- 3. I am a renter of property in the area**

What Is Noise?

- **Unwanted Sound**
- **Tires**
- **Engines**
- **Exhaust**

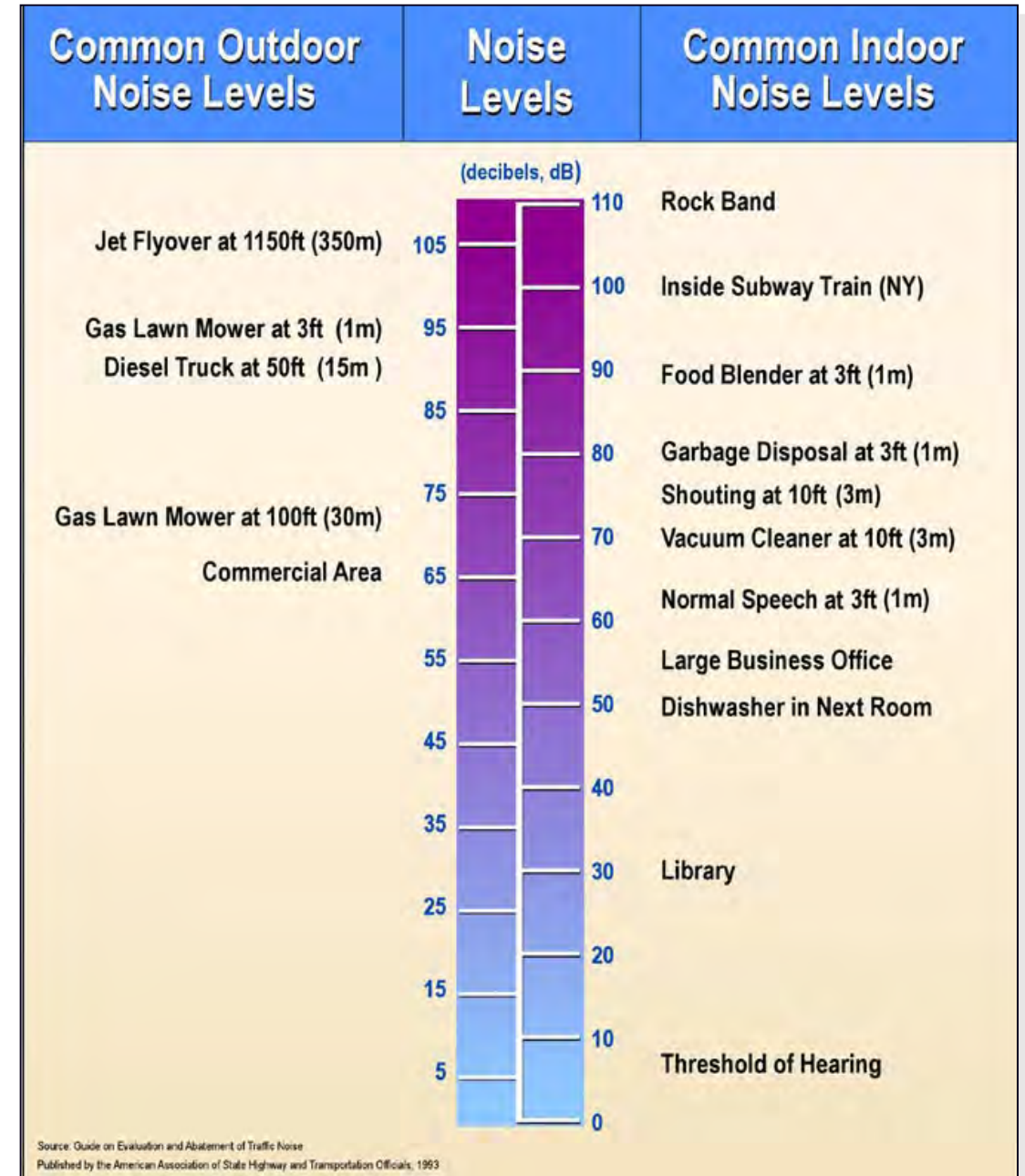
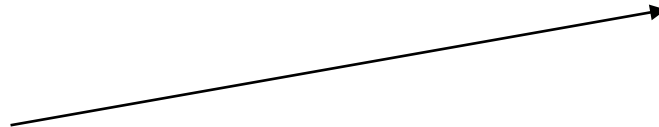
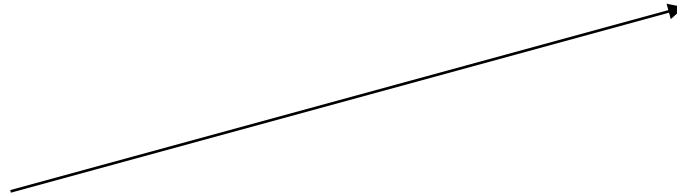
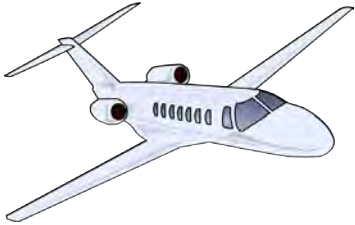


Noise Definitions

- **Decibels (dB)** – unit of noise measurement
- **Sensitive Receptor** – ex. Homes, churches, etc.
- **Benefited Receptor** – receives 5 db noise reduction
- **TNM[®]** – Traffic Noise Model



Common Noise Levels

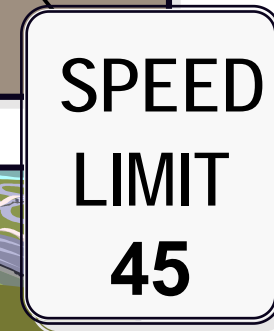
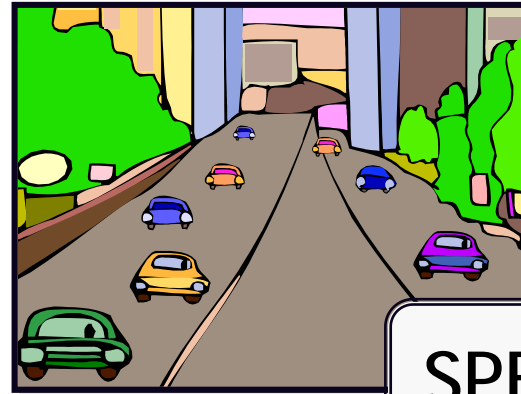


Sound Perception

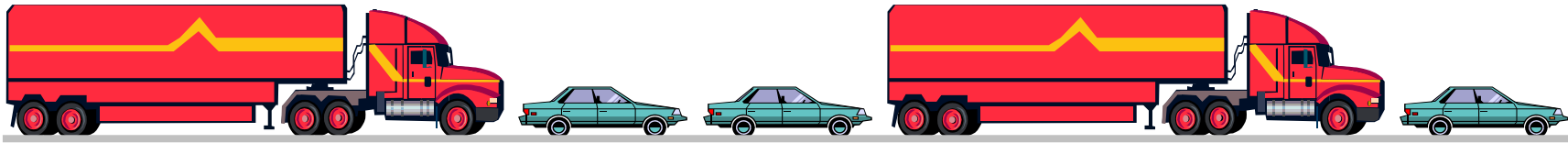
Change In Sound Level	Perception
3 dB	Barely Perceptible
5 dB	Clearly Perceptible
10 dB	Twice as Loud

Level of Highway Noise Depends on Three Things:

- **Volume of Traffic**
- **Speed of Traffic**
- **Number of Trucks**



How Traffic Volume Affects Noise

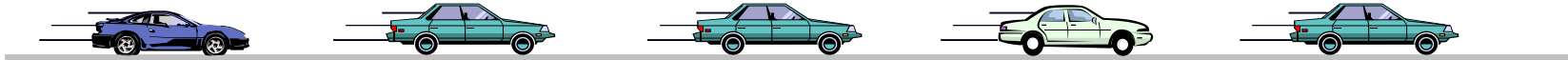


2000 vehicles per hour sound twice as loud (+10 dB) as

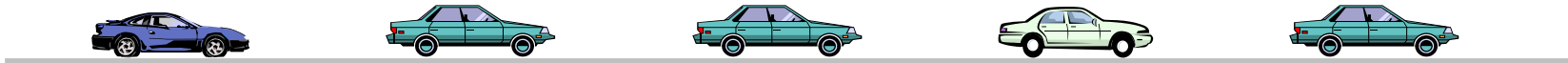


200 vehicles per hour

How Speed Affects Traffic Noise



Cars at 70 miles per hour sounds twice as loud (+10 dB) as

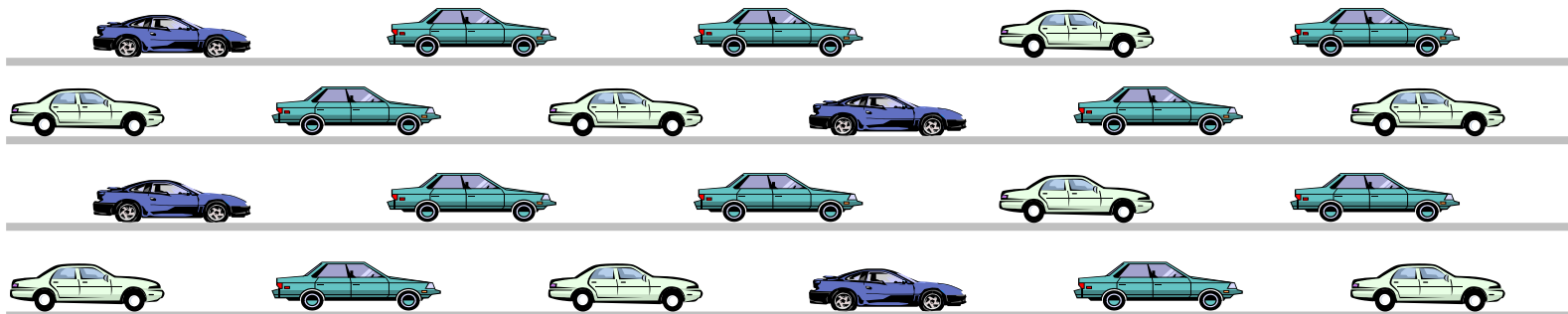


Cars at 35 miles per hour

How Trucks Affect Traffic Noise



One truck at 55 miles per hour sounds as loud as



about 20 cars at 55 miles per hour

Poll #2

Which best describes the Interstate traffic noise outside your residence or building?

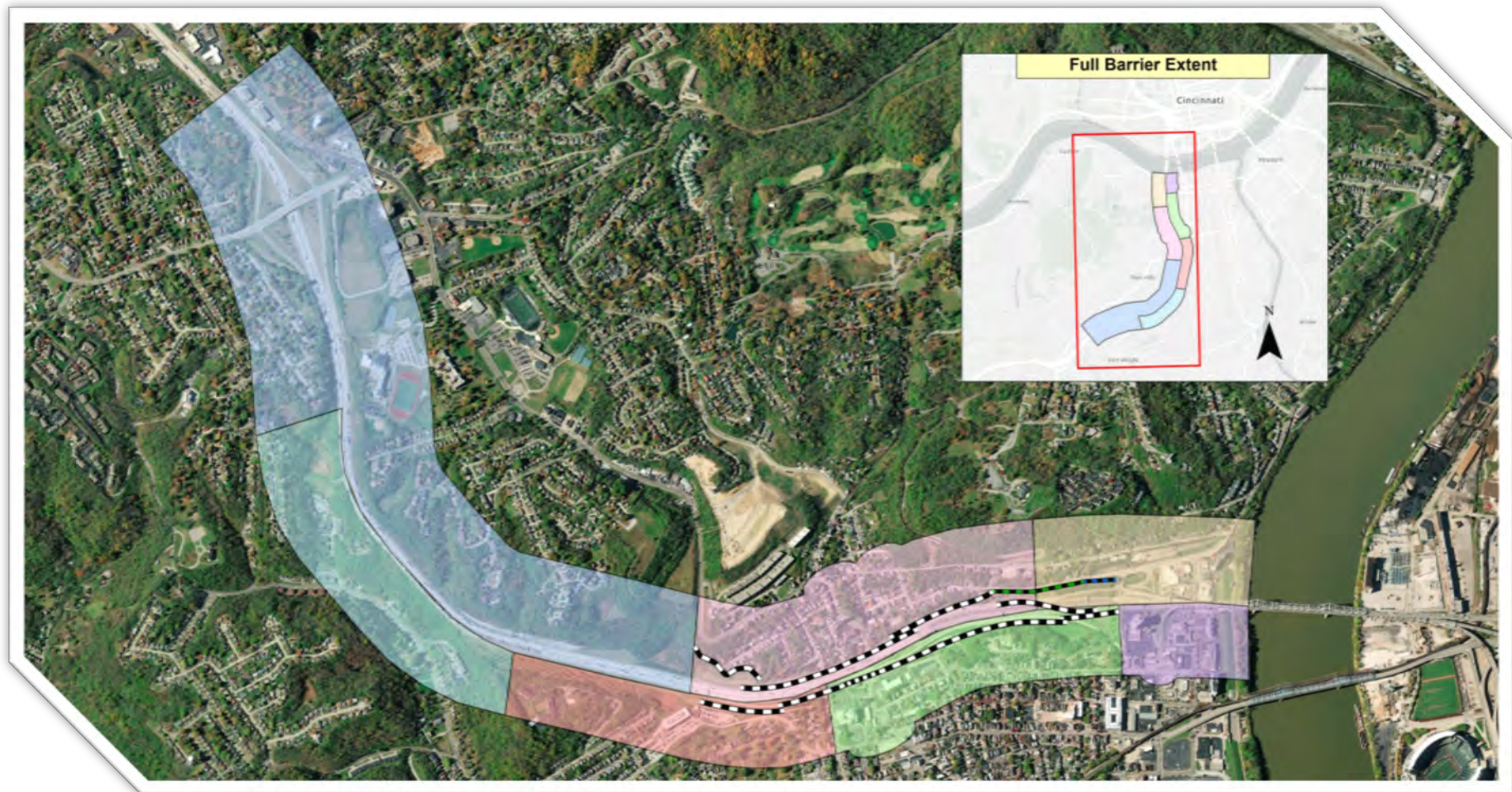
- 1. Not bad**
- 2. Somewhat disruptive**
- 3. Very disruptive**



Questions?

Noise Impact Identification

- **FHWA Traffic Noise Model**
- **Evaluate No Build and Build**



What Is a Noise Impact?

Land Use	Noise Level
Residential	67 dBA
Schools, Parks, Institutions	67 dBA
Restaurants & Offices	72 dBA

Source: Federal Highway Administration

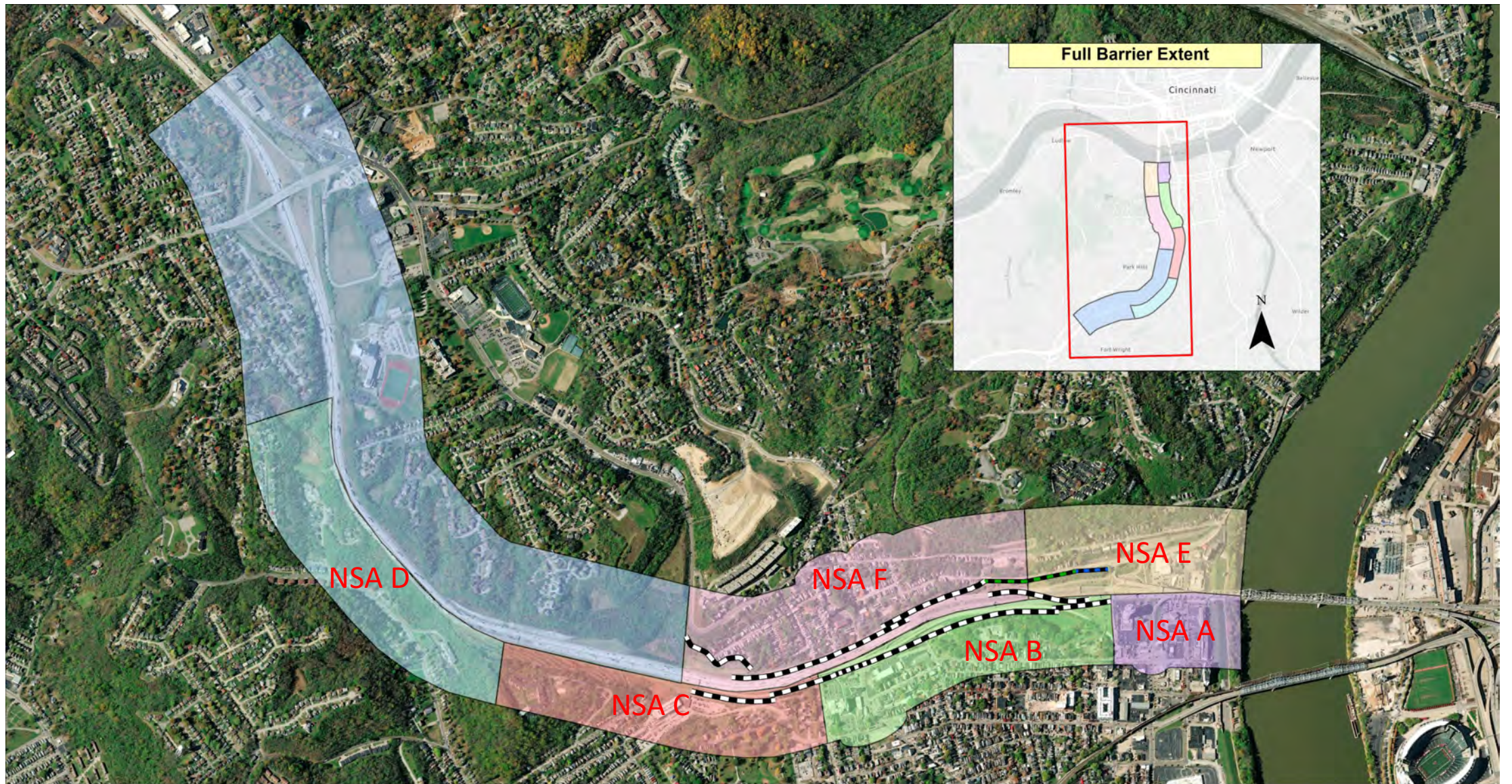
Increase dBA	Description
10+	Substantial Increase

KYTC Noise Policy

- **If Impacts Are Predicted, Then**
 - Avoid - Change Line or Grade
 - Minimize - Restrict Trucks or Lower Speed
 - Abate - Earth Berms or Noise Walls
- **Evaluate Feasibility and Reasonableness**
 - Sight Distance; Entrances
 - Cost per Benefited Receptor
 - Desires of Benefited Receptors



Noise Analysis Results



Legend

- Crescent Ave. Barrier Extension
- Existing Crescent Ave. Barrier
- Barriers

NSA Boundaries

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- Kentucky Southern Section

Brent Spence Bridge Noise Analysis NSA Overview





Legend

- Barriers
- Receiver Designation**
- Impacted, Benefited
- Impacted, Not Benefited
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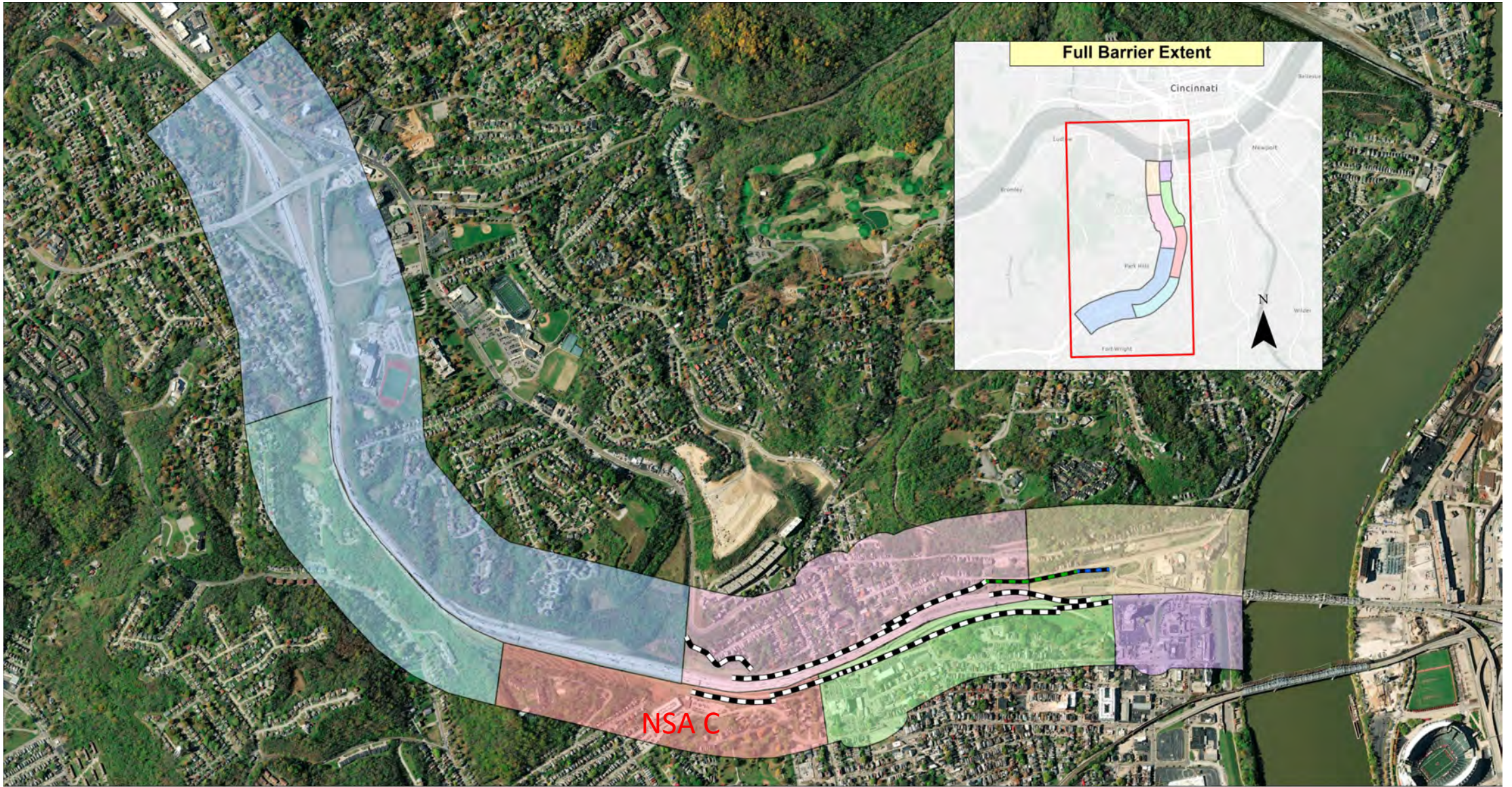
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Brent Spence Bridge Noise Analysis NSA B Benefited Receivers

1 0.5 0 1 Miles





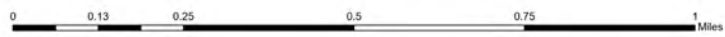
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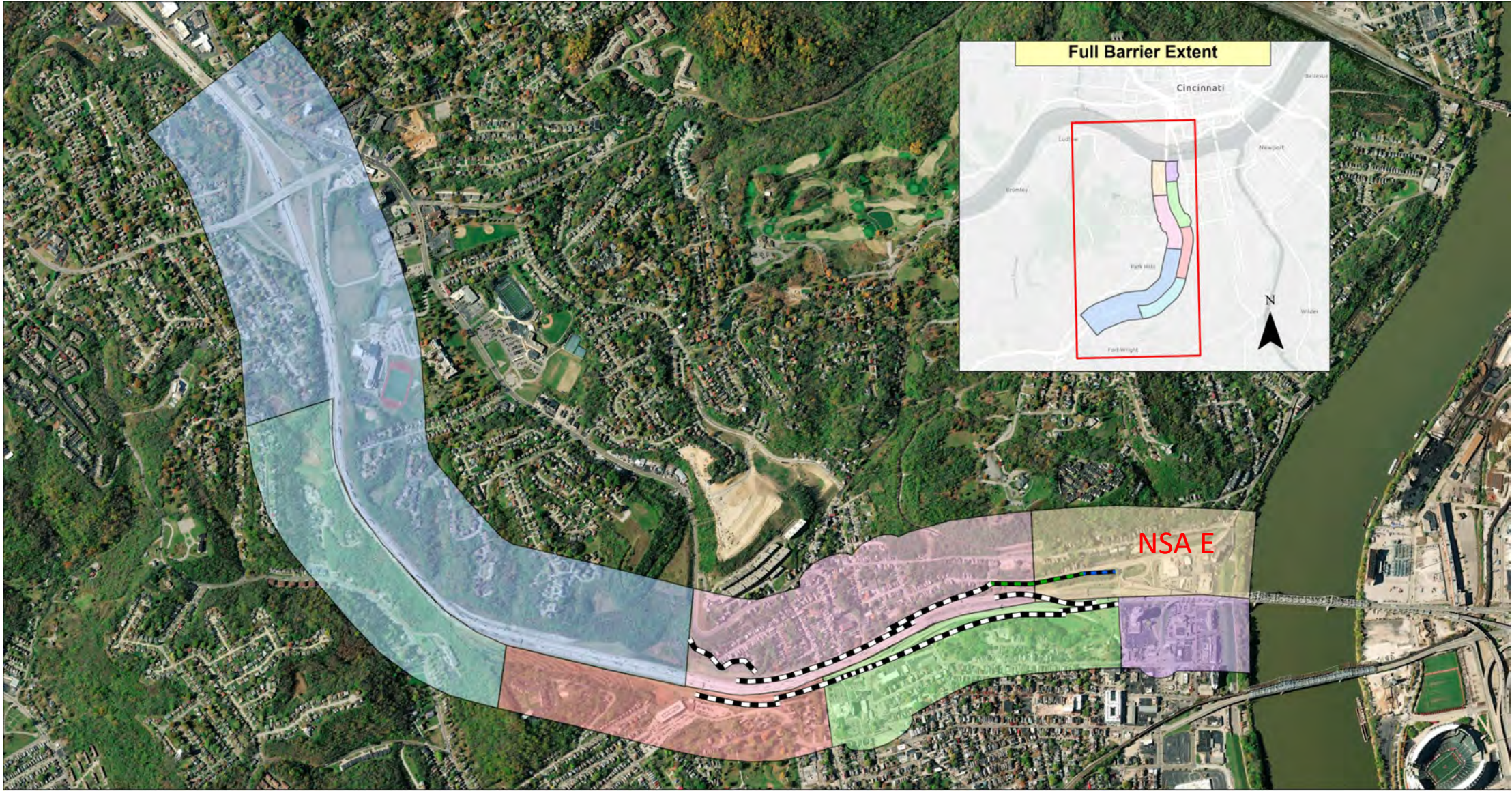
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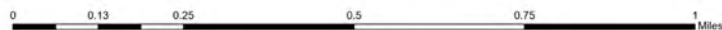
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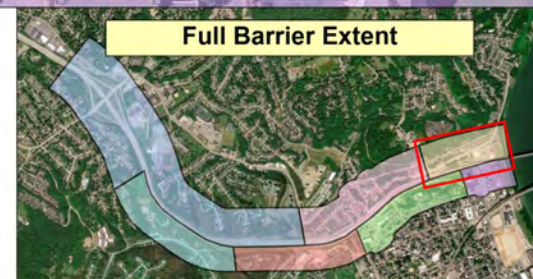
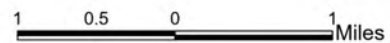
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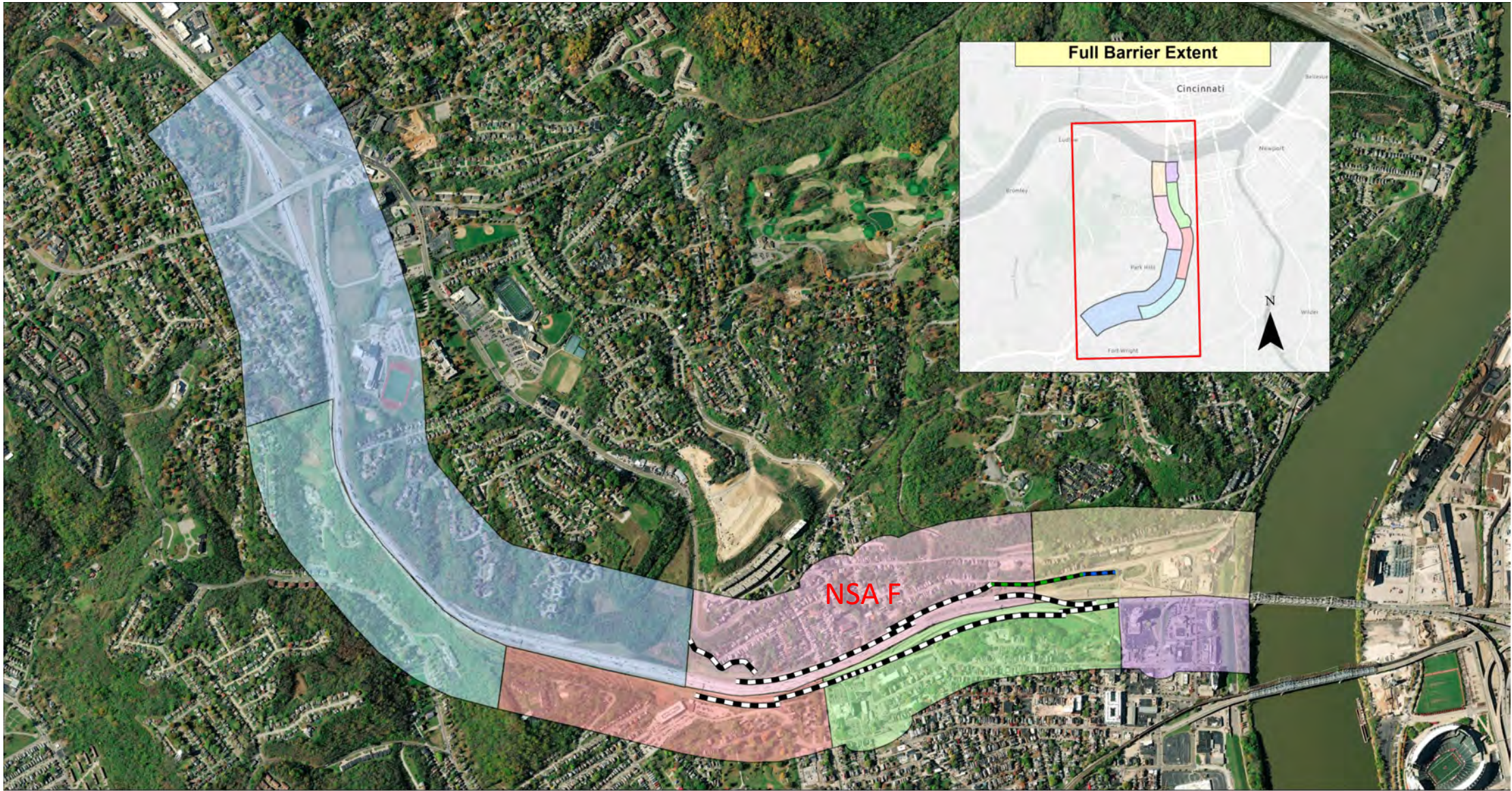
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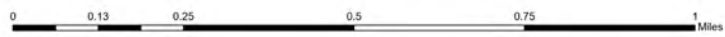
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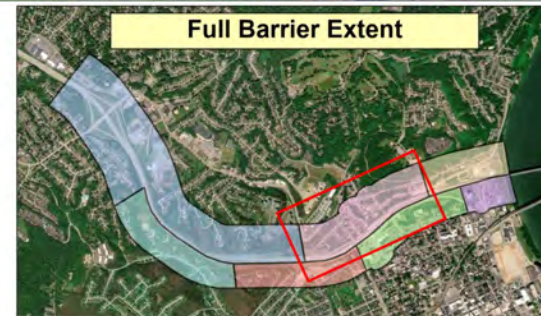
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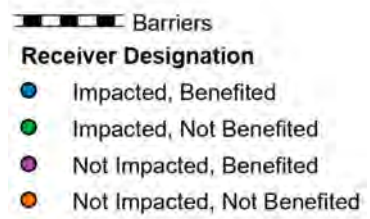
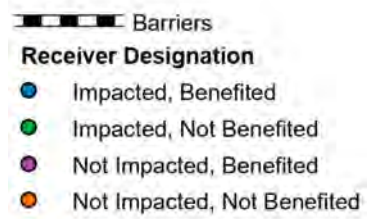
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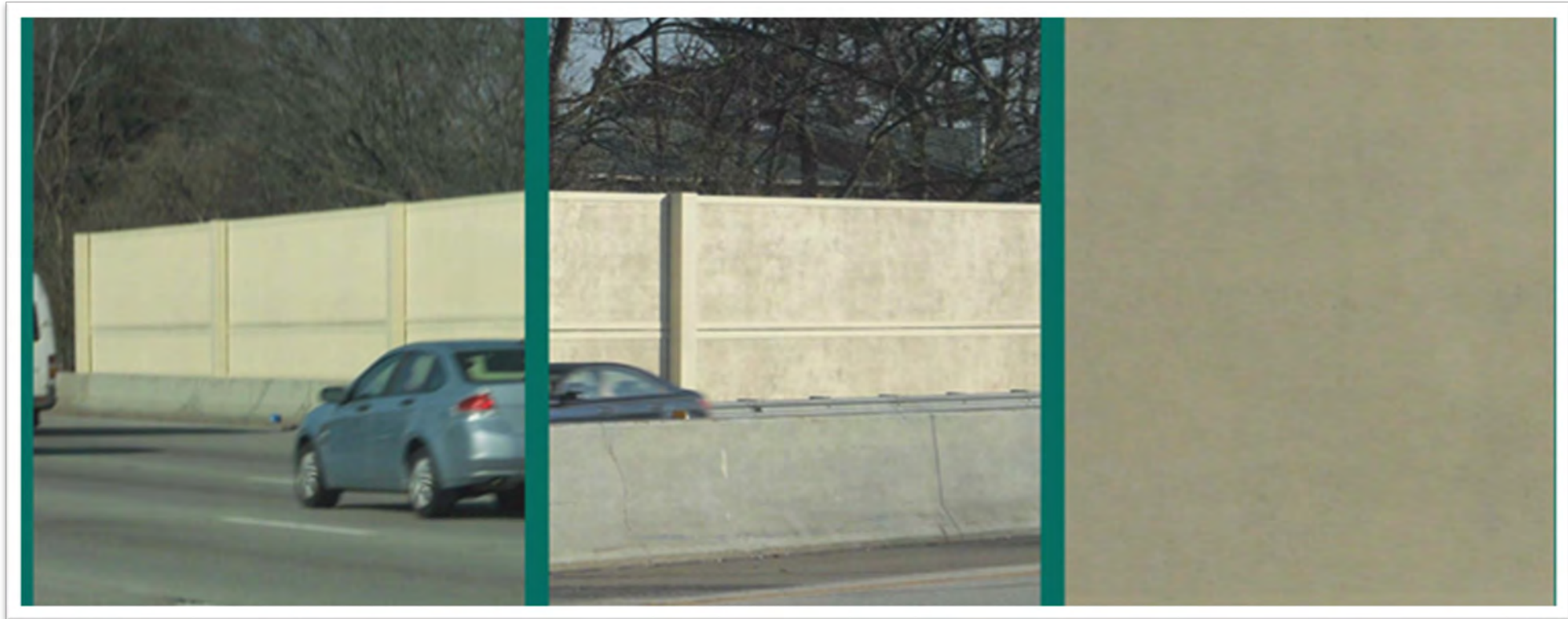
Brent Spence Bridge Noise Analysis NSA F Benefited Receivers

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles





Noise Wall Finish: Smooth Finish



Noise Wall Finish: Cut Stone Finish



Noise Wall Finish: Transparent



Voting Process

- **Survey instructions mailed to Owners and Residents**
- **Survey accessible at registration page**
(brentspencebridge.com/north)
- **Owner and Resident may each cast a vote**
- **Survey questions:**
 - **Construct barriers (Y/N)**
 - **Finish and texture (Smooth, Cut Stone, or Transparent)**
- **Survey results must be submitted by May 9, 2025**



Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project Kenton County, KY

On-Line Noise Barrier Meeting – Kentucky Northern Section
April 24, 2025, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Registration

Welcome to the Registration Page for the Noise Barrier Meeting – Kentucky Northern Section for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is intended to improve the operational characteristics within the I-71/I-75 corridor for both local and through traffic in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region. The I-71/I-75 corridor suffers from congestion and safety-related issues as a result of inadequate capacity to accommodate current traffic demand.

The environmental effects of the project, including potential traffic noise impacts to adjacent properties, have been evaluated. Maps showing the location of evaluated noise barriers are available at the link below. In accordance with the KYTC Noise Analysis and Abatement Policy and as a commitment in the 2024 Revised Supplemental Environmental Analysis, the opinions of owners and residents of properties that would benefit from proposed noise and noise/visual screening barriers are being sought. As a benefited receptor, you are invited to provide your opinion regarding whether barriers should be constructed as well as your preferred finish and texture.

Survey Ballot

Your opinions are important to us. In accordance with KYTC Noise Policy, you have the opportunity to vote on whether you want a noise barrier to be constructed and to indicate your preference for aesthetic treatment if a wall is constructed. Opinions of the property owner as well as the current resident, if different than the owner, are being solicited. One ballot is available for the property owner and a second ballot is available for the current resident. If the property owner also resides at the property, that vote will be counted twice.

If you plan to attend the Noise Barrier Meeting, you may want to wait until after the meeting before casting your ballot. Ballots must be cast before midnight on May 9, 2025 and can be cast at any time prior to then by clicking the button below. To cast your ballot, you will be asked to enter the PIN Number that was provided on your letter inviting you to join the meeting.

Register for Meeting – April 24, 2025

Vote Now

Noise Barrier Location Maps

If you have any questions or problems registering or voting, please contact David Waldner at (859)744-1218 or dwaldner@palmernet.com.



KYTC In-Person Open House Meeting



For residents affected by noise
and included in the polling process



Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, from
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.



421 Buttermilk Pike,
Fort Mitchell, KY



Project Contact

- If you need assistance with your ballot or its submittal, you may contact:

David Waldner, Palmer Engineering
dwaldner@palmernet.com
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- Registration Page: brentspencebridge.com/north

Questions?

